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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral V. P. de Poix

Director

Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT:

Information Reports Concerning the Possible Identity\_of\_One\_or\_More\_U.S. POW/MIA/

Deceased in Indochina

The attached reports are forwarded in this channel because they concern the possible identity of one or more U.S. POW/MIA/Deceased in Indochina. In the field, copies of the reports were made available to the organizations listed in the final paragraph of the reports. No further dissemination, other than to you and the individuals listed below, is being made.

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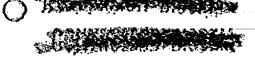
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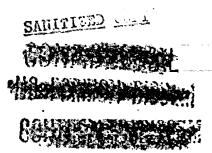
DOI EARLY JUNE 1972

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR IN OUANG BINH PROVINCE.

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1. ONE EVENING IN EARLY JUNE 1972 AT 2100 HOURS, \
SAW THO U.S. JET PLANES ATTACKING NEAR THANH THUY VILLAGE,
LE THUY DISTRICT, OUANG BINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM AND SAW
ONE OF THE PLANES SHOT DOWN BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE. THE
FOLLOWING DAY AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS, \ SAW A U.S. PRISONER
OF WAR (POW) BEING GUARDED-BY THREE NORTH-VIETNAMESE PUBLIC

SECURITY CADRE IN THANH THUY VILLAGE. \ ASSUMED THE POW WAS FROM THE PLANE WHICH HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN THE EVENING BEFORE.

OBSERVED THE POW FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 15 FEET AND ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES BECAUSE THE PUBLIC SECURITY CADRE BEGAN ESCORTING THE POW NORTH ON ROUTE 1.

- 2. SAID THE POW WAS A NEGRO, ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 75 KILOGRAMS. HE HAD A LONG FACE, SHORT CURLY HAIR, A HIGH NOSE, AND A HIDE MOUTH. THE POW WAS WEARING A GRAY FLIGHT SUIT BUT ALL INSIGNIA HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM IT. COMMENT: \ WAS SHOWN BOTH VOLUMES OF "PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.
- COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT CONCERNING THE ABOVE INFORMATION: "RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE INCIDENT POSSIBLY DESCRIBES CAPTAIN LARRY F. POTTS, USMC (1507). POTTS IS LISTED AS MIA ON 7 APRIL 1972 AT YD 295655. POTTS WAS USAF OV-10 OBSERVER. ON FAC MISSION AT THE TIME OF LOSS. POTTS AGE IN 1972 WAS 25, HEIGHT 68 INCHES/1.72 METERS, WEIGHT 135 LBS/061 KGS. BLACK HAIR, HORNRIM GLASSES, COLOR OF EYES UNKNOWN.

(8 JUNE 1972) AND OTHER REPORTS ARE ON FILE WHICH

POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO POTTS, 11)

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